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REPORT OF JOHN GRAVES, TREASURER,
From March 1st, 1878 to March 1st, 1879.

Cash on hand at time of settlement,	\$2044.86
PAID BILLS.	
H. M. Bosworth, auditing accounts,	2 00
Thompson & Fifield, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
Samuel J. Clay, two " "	5 00
J. A. Morey, for keeping Ira Morrison,	8 00
John Buswell, bounty on 6 foxes,	3 00
W. F. Woodbury, damage to horse and sleigh,	5 00
J. A. Morey, keeping Ira Morrison,	7 00
C. L. S. Leeds, public watering place for 1877,	3 00
D. E. Clark, bounty on two foxes,	1 00
M. P. Pettingill, sewing for Flora Colby,	50
Augustus Shaw, 14 hours work on highway,	2 10
E. C. Merrill, 2 sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
G. H. Haley, 1 " " "	3 50
H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance on Ira Morrison,	16 00
John Graves, for services, car fare, and expenses after settlement,	12 63
Amasa Clark, damage to horse in the snow (winter 1878),	12 00
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Cash to balance,	1948 13
	<hr/> \$2044 86

JOHN GRAVES, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

The Selectmen credit the Town as follows:

1878. Received—

Mar.	18	John Graves, Treasurer,	1948 13
June	17	Clark Durgin, for old fence boards,	25
July	26	John Proctor, interest on note,	119 70
Dec.	10	William S. Marston, interest on note,	100 00
"	20	George J. White, on tax of 1877,	38 00
"	23	William S. Marston, amount due on note,	73 76

1879.

Jan.		George J. White, on tax of 1877,	74 50
"		" " in abatements,	9 04
Feb.	10	State, interest on bonds,	540 00
"	10	" savings bank tax,	882 89
"	10	" railroad tax,	698 00
"	10	" literary fund,	103 23
"		Henry W. Kilburn, collector for 1878,	3909 31
"		Stanley's Musenm of Wild Animals, license,	1 00
"	26	Daniel M. Davis, cash on note,	5 95
"	26	E. G. Chase, for old bridge plank,	70
"	17	H. W. Kilburn, in abatements,	24 74
"	27	" " as over tax,	14 47
"	27	" " non-resident highway paid in labor,	6 69
"	27	H. W. Kilburn, interest on taxes,	7 06
"	27	John Graves, collector for 1875,	40 00
"		" " interest on taxes, 1875,	1 06
"		" " in abatements,	90
"	28	Merrinack County support of paupers,	585 16
Mar.	1	Clark Durgin, in abatements,	45 90

\$9230 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1878. Paid—

March	8	G. B. & F. K. Wheeler, printing reports,	38 00
	20	D. L. Guernsey, books and stationery,	3 28
	20	Morrill & Silsby, 3 memorandum books,	90
April	1	Dr. J. P. Elkins, 4 certificates, births and deaths,	1 00
	2	J. H. Tucker, watering place for 1877,	3 00
	3	John F. Emerson, services, horse hire, car fare, after settlement in full,	10 25
	5	C. G. Pevare, 25 government envelopes,	85
	12	Morrill & Silsby, 50 blank appointments,	50
	16	Walter B. Durgin, expenses while taking invoice,	4 05
		C. J. White, expenses while taking invoice.	4 05
		John B. Wadleigh, “	4 05
May	2	John Cross, damage to team in district No. 14, in full,	2 75
	16	Frank L. Chamberlain, services as Constable March election,	2 00
	18	Joseph Fogg, damage to wagon near Henry Kilburn's,	3 50
	21	C. G. Pevare, government envelopes and postal cards,	1 05
	22	R. W. Musgrove printing 600 tax notices and 700 receipts,	4 00
	27	John G. Eastman, removing remains town poor from original graves to lot No. 119 in new cemetery E. Andover,	2 50
	27	Henry D. Weare, removing remains town poor &c.,	2 50
		Walter B. Durgin, removing remains town poor,	2 00
		F. E. Yeaton, “	1 50
		Charles C. Durgin, “	1 50
		E. G. Chase, self and team “	1 00
		Clark Durgin, assistance “	25

Aug.	1	Micajah Morgan, damage to wagon by breaking through bridge at Cilleyville, April 1st, 1878,	8 00
		John Buswell, 1 day's work on culvert, self and cattle,	2 00
	5	John H. Buswell, 1 day's work.	1 00
	20	Frank P. Morse, telegraph despatch,	25
	28	Thomas C. Hobbs, covering stone,	2 53
Dec.	14	Frank L. Chamberlain, Constable for Nov 5,	1 00
	20	George J. White, services as Constable March election, \$2.00 and Nov. 5 \$1.00,	3 00
		Ira Barney, public watering place for 1878,	3 00
		John S. Thompson, use of Hall March 12,	20 00
		“ “ April 13,	20 00
		“ “ Nov. 5,	20 00
		“ snowing bridge, 1878,	5 00
		John B. Wadleigh, part pay for services as selectman,	40 00
	30	Lorin P. Cole, 10 pounds of spikes,	35
Feb.	10	B. W. Sanborn, 4 check lists, 12 town warrants, bill paper etc.,	7 05
	18	Frank P. Morse, telegraph despatch,	47
Jan.		George J. White, in abatements,	9 04
Feb.	24	Rev. Howard Moody, services as Superintending School Com. in full,	50 00
	26	Jeremiah H. Tucker, use of public watering place from March 1 1878 to March 1 '79,	3 00
		Clarence E. Carr, broken wagon spring on account of defect in highway on Palmer Hill in July 1878,	2 75
		Daniel M. Davis, overtax for Rufus Abbott, '77,	1 95
		Boating over washout in Dec. 1878, and paid for use of boat,	2 00
		George H. Morrill, services as town clerk to date,	50 00
		John M. Shirley, retainer's fees,	25 00
		“ affidavits in Matthews case,	2 50

	cash paid register of deeds for	
	copies in George case,	75
	examining records,	3 00
	taking affidavits in George case,	2 00
	examination of question and	
	letters of advice on School money,	2 00
	affidavits of Thompson, Em-	
	erson and Carr in Morrison case,	3 00
	affidavit of Walter B. Durgin in	
	Clark-Crapo case,	2 00
	affidavit H. A. Weymouth in Clark-	
	Crapo case,	1 50
27	Joseph A. Rowe, public watering-place 1878	3 00
	Clark Durgin, " 1878	3 00
	taking affidavits pauper case,	1 00
	making 14 Jurets on pauper acct.	50
	W. A. Emery, keeping Uriah C. Rowen, wife	
	and horse 3 days, on account of high-	
	way being blocked with snow,	4 50
	Henry W. Kilburn, 1 day as constable, Mar. '78,	2 00
	" " $\frac{1}{2}$ " " Apr.,	1 00
	" " cash paid Chas. Getchell,	1 27
	" " services and travel, sum-	
	moning witnesses,	1 10
	James Nowell, damage to horse in snow near	
	Andrew Thompson's,	7 00
	Henry W. Kilburn, overtax,	14 47
	" " in abatements,	24 74
	" " non-resident tax in labor,	6 69
	John Graves, in abatement,	90
28	B. W. Sanborn, books, etc.,	1 65
Mar. 1	C. L. Leeds, public watering place for 1878,	3 00
	Henry W. Kilburn, collecting taxes,	58 63
	" " cash paid for advertising	
	non-resident property, Eupahlet Shaw,	87

G. L. Chandler, surveyor, running line between Andover and Franklin,	2 00
William H. Edmunds, for damage to wagon on Mompy Hill, May 16th, 1878,	2 50
Damage to cow breaking through culvert near E. G. Graves', May 30th,	5 00
For damage to horse breaking through bridge on Mompy Hill, Oct. 16th,	12 50
Clark Durgin, in abatements, tax of 1874,	45 90
George E. Shepard, damage to horse and wagon by defect in highway near Jesse Baker's, July 10th, 1878,	7 00
C. J. White, services as selectman, in full to date,	58 75
Car fare and expenses,	5 33
use of team,	4 00
Paid E. G. Chase, horse keeping,	5 20
John B. Wadleigh, services as selectman, in full to date,	12 50
Cash paid car-fare, horse-hire, etc.,	9 27
Board while making taxes,	3 00
Walter B. Durgin, services as selectman from Mar. 1st, 1878, to Mar. 1st, 1879,	84 85
Walter B. Durgin, treasurer's fees,	25 00
“ car-fare and expenses,	13 55
“ postage,	4 20
“ horse-hire and use of team,	11 25
“ board while making taxes and during settlement,	19 50
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	\$857 25

OLD BILLS.

1878. Paid.

Mar.	20	J. D. Philbrick, 9 hours' labor on highway,	1 13
	26	A. J. Hall, 4 bridge stringers, 28 ft. long,	3 78
Apr.	4	Thomas H. Whittaker, 289 feet plank,	3 18
	6	George M. Babbitt, plow broken on highway,	6 00
Feb.	25	O. E. Eastman, outside door, for tramp house and trimmings,	3 00
		Enoch Jones, breaking roads in winter of 1876 1877,	1 00
		A. A. Emery, oak plank for door sill for tramp house,	25
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			\$18 34

BOUNTIES.

1878. Paid.

Mar.	4	Geo. E. Shepard, one fox,	50
Aug.	5	John H. Buswell, one hawk,	20
	14	Timothy Hillard, " "	20
	16	" " " "	20
	22	" " " "	20
Nov.	2	Wm. B. Farrington, " "	20
	4	John P. Hazelton, one fox,	50
Dec.	7	Frank Tucker, " " and one hawk,	70
	12	Nathaniel K. Fletcher, one hawk,	20
	19	John H. Buswell, five foxes and one hawk,	2 70
1879.			
Jan.	1	Charles Sweatt, one fox,	50
	22	John P. Hazelton, two foxes,	1 00
		Levi Fifield, one hawk,	20
		George H. Tucker, one hawk,	20
		William H. Weare, " "	20
Feb.	3	John Hazelton, two foxes,	1 00
	22	D. C. Clark, one fox,	50
	28	John P. Hazelton, one fox,	50
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			\$9 70

COUNTY PAUPERS.

1878. Paid—					
Mar.	13	Julian A. Morey, taking care Ira Morrison,			10 00
	23	"	"	"	1 50
Apr.	3	"	"	pair overalls	62
Jan.		Lorin P. Cole, goods delivered,			3 00
		H. A. Weymouth, medical aid,			2 50
		John S. Thompson, aid furnished,			13 70
		Quimby & Keniston goods del. J. A. Morey,			22 05
		Frank H. Pettingill, wood delivered A. Flora,			5 25
		Quimby & Keniston goods,			29 00
		H. Elkins, taking care H. Kimball,			22 87
		"	"	"	38 25
		"	"	"	10 50
		Ruth White, taking care Aaron White, from			
		Feb. 1st, 1878 to Feb. 1st, 1879,			74 00
May	10	Green Greeley, taking care of M Stevens,			13 00
July	27	"	"	"	12 00
Dec.	14	"	"	"	20 00
1879.					
Feb.	7	"	"	"	7 00
1878					
Oct.	11	John R. Walker, taking care of L. M. Bishop,			60 00
1879					
Jan.	26	"	"	"	38 00
		M.C. Spaulding, medical attendance,			10 50
Feb.	4	Mrs. Mary Clay, boarding and nursing Mary			
		Ellen Brown,			15 00
	8	H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance M. E.			
		Brown,			13 25
		John Graves, going to Danbury and Wilmot to			
		notify friends of M. E. Brown,			2 50
1878.					
Dec.	21	H. K. Thompson, coffin and box for M. E.			
		Brown,			8 00

Nov.	2	Ebenezer Currier, 1 cord of wood for D. John- son,	3 00
		W. W. Sleeper, medical attendance “	15 00
Feb.	6	C. G. Pevare, goods delivered T. R. Colby in Nov.	3 30
		C. Durgin, “ “ “	3 50
		C. G. Chase, 13 lbs. salt pork for “	1 30
Feb.	8	John S. Tucker, boarding and nursing, Chas. Getchell, during his sickness, 6 weeks,	60 38
		H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance Charles Getchell,	20 08
Aug.		H. A. Weymouth, “ “ for A. R. Clark,	5 00
		C. G. Pevare, goods for A. R. Clark,	2 60
		C. Durgin, coffin, “	9 75
		George G. Jones, helping dig grave, for A. R. Clark,	1 00
		F. E. Yeaton, “ “	1 00
Jan.		C. J. Pevare, as tender for H. D. Weare for nursing and boarding A. R. Clark 8 days,	25 00
		Quimby & Keniston, goods delivered Har- rison Mathews,	9 97
		Quimby & Weymouth, “ “ H. Matthews	4 00
		W. S. Carr, wood delivered, H. Matthews,	7 50
		H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance “	30 13
		C. J. White, aid rendered William J. Locke, car fare to Canada,	11 62
		C. J. White, keeping Ellen George 18 days at 50,	9 00
		C. W. Cole, one shirt for A. R. Clark,	, 67
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			\$656 29

TRANSIENT PAUPERS OR TRAMPS.

1878. Paid—

Dec.	14	M. J. Leavenworth, keeping 39 tramps,	19 50
		W. B. Durgin, aid rendered tramps,	19 25
Feb.	27	C. Durgin, keeping 7 tramps in April, 1878,	3 50
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			\$42 25

TOWN PAUPERS.

1878. Paid—

Aug.	30	Harriet E. Hazelton, taking care of Timothy K. Sweatt from May 6th to July 15th,	15 00
Oct.	25	Harriet E. Hazelton, taking care T. K. Sweatt,	5 00
		John E. Babbitt, goods delivered to Mrs. C. E. Searles,	10 00
Jan.	15	H. A. Weymouth, medical attendance for Timothy K. Sweatt,	11 76
Feb.	14	John E. Babbitt, goods delivered (Mrs. Searles),	10 00
	26	Harriett E. Hazelton, taking care of Timothy K. Sweatt, from Aug. 9th, 1878 to March 1st, 1879, and extra care while sick,	48 00
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			\$99 76

EXTRA HIGHWAY

1878. Paid—

April	6	John Hazleton, fixing washout near H. W. Kilburn's,	50
		John T. Fifield, fixing washout,	2 50
	26	Henry P. Sullivan, breaking road, 1877-8,	1 54
June	5	Silas M. Ellis, 275 feet plank,	2 75
	8	Levi M. Bean, railway bridge at Cilleyville,	5 64
		“ “ “ fixing Benson meadow road,	5 63
		Wesley Cilley, fixing water course,	75
	19	Rosto R. Emery, self and team D. Durgin dis..	2 22

		J. H. Emerson, work on	" " "	1 50
		J. G. Eastman, " " "	" " "	1 50
		W. B. Durgin, railing bridge near Hog Back,		1 00
		C. T. Chase, work " " " " "		70
25		H. P. Sullivan, work in district No. 8,		8 23
Aug.	1	W. B. Durgin, work on Philbrick road,		1 75
		C. T. Chase, " " " "		1 00
Sept.	3	B. E. Sweatt, work in district No. 13,		13 76
	6	Frank Tucker, " " 12,		9 96
		John G. Bailey,		3 00
Oct.	14	Carlos S. Morey, building culvert, on Bachelder Road,		25 00
	24	H. P. Sullivan, fixing road at Seavey bridge,		1 87
		James Seales, part pay for stone work and grading near Seavey bridge,		100 00
Nov.	26	Carlos S. Morey, fixing culvert near John M. Shirley's,		5 00
		Extra work on culvert on Bachelder road,		5 00
Dec.	14	Levi M. Bean, work on highway to date in full,		23 50
		Thomas R. Colby, 1 day's work,		1 00
		Benaiah Colby, 1 day's work,		1 00
		Silas C. Fifield, fixing washouts in full for all help employed		15 00
		Benjamin E. Sweatt, fixing washouts in full for all help employed,		25 87
Dec.	17	Jona. W. Trumbull, self, team, and all help employed to date in full,		12 00
	18	Carlos S. Morey, repairing washouts in full to date, and timber for bridge near Jesse Baker's		7 25
	19	John Clark, work on Benson Meadow, [60 hours work in November,		7 50
		horse and cart, 20,		2 00
		6 hours work in December,		60
		Charles H. Hilton, 4½ days in August,		5 62
	23	J. H. Emerson, 12½ days' work,		12 50

25	Frank Tucker, 35 hours' work,	3 50 ^a
27	E. C. Merrill, 17 poles for railing,	9 01 ^t
	extra work, self, team and help,	6 82 ^c
13	Henry Laiken, " " " "	6 50 ^c
	Timothy Hilliard, 2½ days' work,	2 50 ^c
	George Graves, 4¼ days' work,	4 75 ^a
	Willie A. Sleeper, work getting out ledge,	9 47
	H. P. Smith, " " " "	75
	Amasa Clark, " " " "	4 75
	John Clay, " " " "	1 50
	Joseph D. Philbrick, work on culvert on Plains and on hill near house, self, team, and help in full,	18 00
	Richard J. Stearns, putting on railing near T. R. Colby's, and use of team,	2 50
	R. C. Carr, 1143 feet plank,	10 28
	John G. Eastman, work laying culvert,	1 75
	Sanborn Shaw, work on new road,	62
	Town of Salisbury, 123 feet p. plank,	1 60
	W. S. Howard, 12 hours' work,	1 20 ^c
	B. F. Pettingill, 52 oak posts, at 12½,	6 50
	W. J. Cilley, work in district No. 1,	14 25
	William H. Weare, 1 bridge stringer,	30
	Steel bar lost in brook by J. B. Wadleigh,	1 50
1879.		
Jan.	James Scales, bal. due on stone work and grading near Seavey bridge,	59 00
	Charles M. Wiggins, work in district No. 15,	10 87
	Silas M. Ellis, 128 feet plank,	1 28
Eeb. 25	Enoch Jones, work in Oct., 1878,	1 25
26	Abel W. Baker, fixing road to Murphy hill,	1 50
	Michael Loudon, work in district No. 7,	3 25
	Carlos G. Pevare, 8¼ lbs. nails,	33
	438 feet pine,	5 25 ^c
	624 feet hemlock plank,	6 24
	D. M. Davis, stone for washout near Shirley's,	2 00

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	E. G. Chase, work in district No. 17,	2 25
	C. Durgin, use of team near T. R. Colby's,	1 87
	Charles H. Hilton, fixing road after freshet,	2 40
28	Henry W. Kilburn, work on account of freshet	2 52
	Paid Lyman B. Shaw,	3 75
	John T. Fifield,	96
	George H. Haley, covering stone and drawing same,	3 75
	O. E. Eastman, work splitting stone,	1 50
	paid for sharpening tools,	60
	Walter B. Durgin, work on bridge near Jesse Baker's,	1 50
Mar. 1	Carleton J. White, self, team, in full,	7 50
	" " paid Henry Bailey,	50
	John B. Wadleigh, in full to date, 17½ days,	21 88
	Henry W. Kilburn, paid Silas H. Chase, work in district No. 8,	1 90
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		\$566 54

BREAKING ROADS.

1879. Paid—

Jan. 16	D. C. Durgin, 20 hours,	2 00
Feb. 11	A. & G. F. Shaw, in full to date,	14 23
19	Charles M. Wiggins " "	11 40
35	Enoch Jones, 5 hours work,	50
	Frank Tucker, dist. No. 12, in full to date,	8 33
26	Michael Lordon " 7, "	10 40
	Silas C. Fifield, " 5, "	7 75
	" paid C. S. Morey,	60
	" " Hiram Fifield,	2 00
	H. P. Sullivan, District No. 8, in full to date,	12 44
	W. H. Bean, " 1, "	12 50
	E. G. Chase, " 17, "	6 55
19	Levi M. Bean, " 2, "	10 00
26	Charles E. Currier, " 8, "	8 12
2	William Sleeper Smithfield dist.,	6 05

	Jona. W. Trumball, dist. No. 3,	8 79
	Ziba Lawrence, E. C. Merrill's dist.,	14 00
	Charles H. Hilton, in full to date,	22 10
	Daniel C. Durgin, "	1 15
	J. H. Emerson, 5 hours "	50
	Wm. H. Edmunds " by order Samuel Morrill, surveyor,	15 30
	Charles W. Stone, in full to date by order of Samuel Morrill, surveyor,	17 30
	William Annis, by order S. Morrill,	2 50
	Henry W. Kilburn, in full to date,	16 46
	" paid J. T. Fifield,	3 75
	" " John P. Hazelton,	3 30
	" " Eben Currier,	2 40
	" " Charles Keniston,	2 90
	W. D. Tuttle, in full to date,	4 60
	W. A. Emery, " on Philbrick road,	7 35
28	A. B. Durgin, " D. C. Durgin dist.,	16 68
	G. H. Haley, self, team and help, in full to date,	21 55
	A. & G. Shaw, in full to date,	3 20
	E. B. Merrill. " 33 hours,	3 30
	O. E. Eastman, " 21 "	2 10
	" paid W. D. Tuttle, 21 hours,	2 10
	Walter B. Durgin in full to date, 16 hours at 10c.,	1 60
	Walter B. Durgin, paid George G. Jones,	80
	Sam. J. Clay, in full to date, by order of Samuel, Morrill, surveyor,	15 60
	J. D. Philbrick, in full to date, by order of Samuel Morrill, surveyor,	15 30
	Samuel Morrill, 10 hours, in full,	1 00
	" paid Wm. Morrill,	1 00

E. G. Graves, in full to date, by order of Samuel Morrill, surveyor,	1 70
John G. Bailey, dist. No. 20, in full, 81 hours,	8 10
John G. Bailey, paid Joseph A. Rowe, 4 hours,	40
John G. Bailey, " James Nowell, 31½ hours,	4 15
John G. Bailey paid Moses Shepard, 21 hours,	2 10
Mar. 1 Rollin E. Davis, 7 1-2 hours' work in dis- trict No. 17,	75
John B. Wadleigh, 20 hours, in full,	2 00
Carlton J. White, 86 "	8 60
C. W. Cole, in full to date,	8 70
George Graves, 10 hours,	1 00
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	\$356 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

1878. Paid—

Silas W. Bean, district No. 1,	37 00
Seth G. Kimball, " 2,	125 18
Charles N. Emerson, " 3,	111 30
Jacob R. Foster, " 4,	154 00
Lyman Currier, " "	140 66
A. P. Sullivan, " 5,	90 16
George J. Sweatt, " 7,	117 68
Jonathan Cilley, " 8,	93 57
Silas P. Thompson, " 9,	52 32
Elias Davis, " 10,	237 56
Benjamin E. Sweatt, " 11,	29 70
John D. Aiken, " 12,	84 64
Charles M. Wiggins, " 13,	47 84
J. A. Cline, for 4 copies map of New Hampshire for school districts No. 2, 4, 7 and 10, a. 5 00,	20 00
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SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

1878. Paid—

William E. Mellendy, treasurer of district No. 3,	200 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

1878. Paid—

Sept. 3 J. E. Robertson, county tax,	1,662 22
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1879.

Feb. 10 Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1,328 00
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\$2,990 22

DOG TAX.

Whole amount assessed,	92 60
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Claimed as damages done by dogs,	35 00
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RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,	\$9,230 44
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Paid—

Current expenses,	857 24
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Old bills,	18 34
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Bounties,	9 70
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County paupers,	656 29
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Transient paupers (tramps)	42 25
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Town paupers,	99 76
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Extra highway,	566 54
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Breaking roads,	356 00
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School money,	1,341 61
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School house tax.	200 00
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State and county tax,	2,990 22
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\$7,137 95

Cash on hand,	\$2,092 49
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\$9,230 44

Due school district No.

School money,	85 13
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ASSETS.

Due from John Proctor on note,	2,070 47
“ “ State bonds and interest,	9,090 00
• “ “ Daniel M. Davison note,	5 13
“ “ John Graves, collector of 1875,	23 00
“ “ Henry W. Kilborn, on taxes of 1878,	672 64
“ “ Clark Durgin, “ 1874,	23 92
“ “ Henry W. Kilborn school House tax for district No. 3,	256 00
Cash on hand,	2,092 49
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	\$14,233 65

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. DURGIN, } Selectmen
 JOHN B. WADLEIGH, } of
 CARLTON J. WHITE, } Andover.
 WALTER B. DURGIN, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879, and find the receipts to be \$9230.44, and the amount paid out to be \$7137.95, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$2092.49 and in the hands of the collector of \$672.64, all of which is correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY M. BOSWORTH, Auditor.

Andover, March 1, 1879.

The State Tax for 1879 is \$1328.00. The County Tax for 1879 is—
 Warrant not received.



REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee.

It would afford me great pleasure to congratulate the citizens of Andover, as did Preceptor Morrill last year, on the general success of the schools, although he admitted they had not reached perfection. Should we not then have said, "Well, let us go on unto perfection?" But we did not say that. We said, "No; let us cut down the average length of our schools about one quarter; or from an average of $32\frac{1}{2}$ weeks to an average of 17 weeks." That is what we said by our public votes.

Shame! SHAME!! SHAME!!! With such advancement as this; how long before we shall reach the dark ages!

It takes a Superintending School Committee about a year to learn the actual state of the schools. He may be supposed in that time, if he understands his business, to have learned what defects exist, and how to remedy them, and what improvements should be made, and how to make them.

The first defect to which I would call your attention is the inequality of privileges occasioned by the old district lines. During the past year some of the scholars have had 40 weeks schooling, while others have had but 5 weeks. Is there even the semblance of equality in this? But you will say this is an extreme view. Yes; but it is a true one. And this inequality is seen in a survey of all the districts from that of the lowest to that of the highest number of scholars. This survey stands thus: 5 weeks, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 26, 26, 40, 40. Now if the scholars in the shorter schools are to have opportunities equal to the longer how are they to be obtained?

In one of two ways. They must either put their hands into their pockets and purchase those privileges of some other schools, or else the town should be so districted that all shall have equal privileges.

The first method would be very burdensome, unnecessary and wrong, while the second would be right and best for all.

Let us see if this cannot be proved. Tucker Mountain had 5 weeks and East Andover had 40 weeks. If they had been united both would have been benefited, for while East Andover would have gained five weeks, Tucker Mountain would have gained 40 weeks.

Now if we add the Emery Road district, we have 10 weeks more, making 55 weeks. What would have been the number of scholars by this union? 56. These being graded, giving an equal number to each school, would have made moderate-sized and easily-managed schools, and the scholars in each of these districts would have shared alike in privilege.

The only objection to be raised against this union is that some of the scholars would have too far to travel.

The Legislature, at the last session, passed a law allowing scholars who live more than a mile and a half from the school-house to draw ten per cent. of their money to carry them. Can there be anything fairer than this? Can you who live thus far away think of any other way in which you can give your children such advantages at so little expense?

Reflect that graded schools are very superior to the schools in the outskirt districts. I know it is sometimes said that the scholars in the outer districts are as forward as in the central districts. But this remark is always made by those who are advanced in years. They are thinking of times long past, when the outer districts contained as many scholars, had as good teachers, and as long schools as the more central districts.

But now all this is changed. The scholars are few in number, the schools are very much shorter, and the teachers generally young and inexperienced, in the outer districts. And I know from actual observation that the scholars in the outer districts are not now near as far advanced as they are in the more central districts.

The same course of reasoning may be applied to districts 1, 2 and 3, as to East Andover and contiguous districts. No. 1 had 9 weeks, 2 had 19, and 3, had 20. If they had been united they would have had 54 weeks, or graded, each school would have been 27 weeks long. It is a good time to unite, as West Andover has no school-house.

Another evil to which I would call your attention is the constant change of teachers. 21 teachers have been employed to teach in 12 districts the past year, notwithstanding the schools generally were very short. Was this change made necessary because the teachers first employed did not do well?

Think of it as you will, this constant change of teachers is a great waste of money and loss of time. If you were obliged to hire help on your farm for the season, when the summer was partly gone, would you discharge a hand that you had proved to be a good one, when it was uncertain where you would find another as good?

Another thing I think worthy of consideration is, whether the time of holding the schools should not be such as to give the larger scholars a better chance than they have had for years past. Through the summer and the fall farmers who have boys large enough to work need them, and boys need to learn to work as well as to learn to read. The winter is the best time to study, and the most leisure time for boys.

I must not fail to notice that irregularity of attendance is a great evil in our schools. I find that the absences noted by the teachers in their registers amount to 2897 days, which is an average loss of about two weeks to each scholar.

Various causes contribute to this irregularity, but I would only notice that the larger boys are needed at home very much when the schools are going, and are kept more or less from school. This might be avoided by late fall and winter terms. A united effort on the part of parents and teachers and scholars should be made to correct irregularity of attendance.

Our school-houses remain about in statu quo, except the one in No. 3, which was burned after the first term. The one in No. 29 has been shingled.

APPARATUS.

A petition has been received from a committee of the N. H. Teachers' Association for the purpose of procuring signers, praying the General Court that one-fifth part of the literary fund which may be annually assigned any city, town, school or district shall be appropriated to the purchase of apparatus, etc.

Apparatus is to schools what tools are to farmers and mechanics in their business. I highly approve of the object of this petition. I wish the railroad tax might have been included.

Another petition is desired to restore Teachers' Institutes, etc. I think much of teachers' institutes if rightly managed, and all teachers can be induced to attend them. But according to my observation, a very small portion of teachers in the State attend them when held. Out of 21 teachers employed in this town the past year, only two have ever attended a teacher's institute.

Still another petition is to be presented to the General Court: that the Literary Fund may be distributed in PROPORTION TO THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR. I should like to see the "two weeks" blotted from the statute; but it is not clear that the distribution of the literary fund as proposed would be any more equal and just than as at present distributed,

One of the best means, in my opinion, for the promotion of our school interests, would be the organization of an Educational, or a Literary Society, or a Society for the Improvement of our Schools, and the general interests of education. Such a society might hold meetings in all parts of the town, at which essays might be read, free discussions held, and occasionally a lecture from abroad might be obtained.

Such a society might be the means of getting up a circulating library—a thing very desirable..

REPORT OF DISTRICTS.

No. 1 KEARSARGE.

This school has had but one term this year, and that only of nine weeks. Last year it had two terms of ten weeks each. Why this difference I have not learned. The school was taught by Miss Emma L. Finney. This was her first school. She succeeded as well as might have been expected in the time. Amongst her privileges for obtaining an education were two terms at the Normal School. With more experience she will become a good teacher.

No. 2. CILLEYSVILLE.

This district has been highly favored for a number of years in having very good teachers. Especially has it been so for the past three years, in which Miss Jennie P. T. White has been employed. She has been so highly applauded by previous superintendents, and her services are so highly appreciated by the district, that I need only to add my testimony to her continued fidelity and success. The school ranks among the first in town. The correct deportment and regular attendance of the scholars are commended, being better than any other school in town.

No. 3. WEST ANDOVER.

The first term was taught by Miss Lillian A. Fuller. She manifested a deep interest in her work, showing an activity and thoroughness that insured success. The attendance of many of the scholars was quite irregular and the deportment of most was marked ordinary, yet the school at its close appeared well.

Before the commencement of the second term the school-house was burnt. The second term was taught by Miss Lill E. Philbrick, an enthusiastic young teacher who has the tact, talent and literary qualifications which when matured by experience will constitute her a first-class teacher. She was under the necessity of teaching under unfavorable circumstances, the school room being uncentral, and unsuitable, and having only about half as many scholars as attended the first term. She did all that any one could have done under the circumstances.

No. 4. ANDOVER CENTRE.

This district has more money than any other in town. For many years the school has been graded and has had good teachers. The school house is a fine one, and school apparatus in liberal supply. It might, therefore, be expected that the school would be in advance of all others, but it is not. If asked for the reason, a look at the registers satisfies me that it may be found in the irregularity of attendance. Tardy marks and absences are altogether too numerous for a prosperous school. Parents, it is for you to remedy this.

The summer term of the higher department was taught by Miss Laura M. Gilfillan. She had also taught it the four preceding terms. Of her literary accomplishments and qualifications and amiable disposition, I have no doubt they are all that could be desired, and that she was faithful. But for such a school she needs a little more snap.

The fall term was taught by Miss Mary A. Putney, the right teacher in the right place. It would be difficult, I think, to find a teacher better adapted to such a school. Blessed with a strong voice herself, she readily succeeded in getting her scholars to raise theirs. Miss Putney makes great use of the blackboard, and numb, indeed, must that scholar be who goes over anything that he does not understand under her guidance.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The first term in this department was taught by Miss Bertha S. Bachelder, who taught the same school last year and of whom Preceptor Morrill spoke in very favorable terms, and deservedly so. The school made as good progress as such a class of scholars could be expected to make.

The second term was taught by Miss Fannie Wadleigh. She has become quite a veteran in teaching, especially in the primary department for which she has superior native endowments as well as literary endowments. She is equally well qualified to teach in the higher departments, but either from circumstances or choice, I think she has more often taught in the primary, and has

succeeded well every time. She has the extra gift of the eleventh talent, the musical talent.

NO. 5. BEECH HILL.

The summer term was taught by Miss C. G. Elkins, a talented young lady, well qualified to teach, and having had considerable experience. She taught under unfavorable circumstances, many of the scholars being detained at home more or less by sickness.

The second term was taught by Miss S. E. Sawyer. She has attended a Teacher's Institute, and two terms at the Normal School. She proved to be well qualified and faithful. Most of the scholars tried to learn and did very well. There was one case of insubordination.

NO. 7. TAUNTON HILL.

The first term was taught by Miss Ida A. Edmonds, a young lady, in teaching, not often excelled. It is very desirable that so good a teacher should be constantly engaged in the work of teaching. She is blessed with the eleventh talent, and makes her school as pleasant as it is profitable.

The second term was taught by Mr. Wilton P. Graves, a new beginner in teaching. He bore a good examination, and conducted his school at the commencement in such a manner as to give prospects of a successful term. But the diphtheria got into the school and scattered the scholars, leaving no opportunity for a closing examination.

NO. 8. BOSTON HILL.

The first term was taught by Miss Ella M. Kilburn, a young teacher, but a faithful worker. With more study and experience she will unquestionably make a first class teacher. The term was unquestionably too short to show great progress, yet the scholars did well.

The second term was taught by Miss Saran A. Pettingill, of long experience, and my impression is that the school was a success, but in consequence of the sickness of the teacher the school closed unexamined.

No. 9. FLAG HOLE.

This school consisted of two terms, the one of six weeks, and the other of seven weeks, both terms being taught by the same teacher, Miss Ida A. Judkins. More than half the scholars were French children from Salisbury. The attendance was so irregular that they did not learn much. Miss Judkins has attended the Normal School and appeared well qualified to teach. If the scholars had been anxious to learn the school would have appeared better than it did at the close.

No 10. EAST ANDOVER.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.

The first term was taught by Miss Mary A. Putney of whom I have already spoken as having taught the higher department at the Centre the last term. She succeeded equally well in both schools, and will always succeed wherever she teaches, I think.

The second term was taught by Miss B. Josephine Baker, a teacher of considerable experience. She managed her school well, and her teaching was thorough, and consequently the school made good progress.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The first term was taught by Miss Fannie Wadleigh who has taught the school two terms before. She has uniformly given good satisfaction.

The second term was taught by Miss Lizzie C. Bachelder who has taught this school one term before, besides a number of terms elsewhere. She labors faithfully and always succeeds, as did she this term. I think she does not know how to fail, she because loves children.

No. 11. TUCKER MOUNTAIN.

This school had but one short term of five weeks. It was taught by Mrs. Lucy J. Aiken who has taught it before, and though the term was so short she made a good show of progress. The scholars in this district try hard to learn, and might have and ought to have better privileges.

No. 12. BACK ROAD.

Miss Eleanor A. Foster was the teacher of the first term. Miss Foster came well recommended and well qualified, and did her best for the school, and the scholars were interested and successful in their studies.

The second term was taught by Miss Roxie A. Shepard. She is a teacher that understands her business well, judging from what I saw of her management at the commencement, and from what Preceptor Morrill said of her work in No. 4, last year. Owing to a violent rain storm on the day the school closed, I was not able to visit it.

No. 13. EMERY ROAD.

This school had the smallest number of scholars of any one in town the present year. Miss Myrtie A. Weeks proved a very faithful and thorough teacher, and no school in town gave evidence of more attentive study than this school.

I remark in conclusion that I might have referred to several other things where improvements ought to be made, and can be made, with trifling expense, but, unless the districts can be diminished in number, so as to give all the children equal privileges, we might as well give up in despair of any improvement on the past.

Ladies, come to the front. Take the responsibility which the law awards you, and make such a revolution in our school affairs as your good sense will dictate.

HOWARD MOODY,

Superintending School Committee.

No. of District.	Money Raised by Law	Railroad Tax and Literary Fund	Length of Summer Schools	Length of Fall Schools	Scholars Summer Term	Scholars Fall Term	Scholars in Reading, Summer Term	Scholars in Reading, Fall Term	Scholars in Spelling, Summer Term	Scholars in Spelling, Fall Term	Scholars in Penmanship, Summer Term	Scholars in Penmanship, Fall Term	Scholars in Arithmetic, Summer Term	Scholars in Arithmetic, Fall Term	Scholars in Geography, Summer Term	Scholars in Geography, Fall Term	Scholars in Grammar, Summer Term	Scholars in Grammar, Fall Term	Scholars in History, Summer Term	Scholars in History, Fall Term	Scholars in other Studies, Summer Term	Scholars in other Studies, Fall Term	Scholars between 5 and 15 not attending School
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5	75 16	15 00	8	9 45	19	22	20	20	17	20	10	13	14	18	11	9	9	10	0	0	0	19	0
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